



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW0606

MAY 8, 2006

Dry Weather Continues

Extremely dry conditions continued for the week with **7.0 days suitable** for fieldwork. Unfortunately, the soils are in some places becoming too dry to work though corn seeding progress is still ahead of normal. **Corn** is 65 percent planted compared to 58 percent last year and 53 percent average. **Soybean** planting is underway at 4 percent complete compared to 2 percent last year, and 5 percent average. **Wheat** condition is rated as 10 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 36 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Barley** condition is rated at 9 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Vegetable** seeding is progressing right on schedule and **fruit trees** have essentially completed bloom. The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 14 percent complete and the first cutting of **other hay** is 12 percent complete.

Pasture condition is rated 10 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 29 percent good and 1 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 16 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 41 percent adequate.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	95	74	84	78
Winter Wheat Headed	44	19	15	29
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	11	4	11	15
Corn	65	45	58	53
Potatoes	99	99	81	86
Snap Beans	40	26	19	30
Sorghum	15	3	2	6
Sweet Corn	29	23	29	35
Tomatoes	14	5	14	19
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	95	86	64	87
Peaches	99	96	93	95
Strawberries	75	49	75	69

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	37	50	13	-
Topsoil (2005)	-	7	87	6
Five Year Average	4	14	72	11
Subsoil Moisture	8	51	41	-
Subsoil (2005)	-	2	97	1
Five Year Average	2	16	78	4

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2006

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	9.58	-3.85	82	38	63	4
Easton	0.00	9.24	-3.29	83	39	61	6
Frederick	0.02	11.79	-3.81	76	32	58	5
Frostburg	0.00	7.17	-5.21	79	39	61	4
Hagerstown	0.00	8.08	-7.01	80	37	60	1
Mechanicsville	0.00	6.94	-6.51	81	50	64	5
Patuxent River	0.02	6.26	-9.43	82	39	59	-2
Ocean City	0.01	7.60	-7.63	81	33	59	-1
Salisbury	0.00	8.64	-3.89	82	35	59	4
Sharpsburg	0.00	8.51	-5.30	81	43	61	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	8.86	-3.23	82	45	66	4
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	8.83	-5.39	81	43	62	2
Georgetown	0.00	6.78	-8.24	86	41	63	6
Wilmington	0.00	10.50	-3.10	81	39	62	4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.

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